

# OCEAN GROVE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER.

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**Best wishes to all members of the Association for 2006**, with only 300 days before Christmas by the time this Newsletter reaches you! Your committee enjoyed a break from Association matters over the summer break, but we are gearing up for another busy and hopefully rewarding year.

**Ocean Grove Voice** - I must say last week began with a tinge of disappointment when I heard from the editor that it was to publish it's last edition on February 15<sup>th</sup>. We have all really enjoyed this little local 'rag' over the past 12 months, and congratulate the editorial team for their brave venture into such a competitive field. Apart from keeping district residents informed of news, sporting events/results etc., it served as a great form of communication for Association activities and meetings, so we will have to find other ways to do this – which will be hard. I have emailed my regrets to the team at The Voice, and also passed on thanks and best wishes from all Association members.



**Meeting dates for 2006** will have monthly committee meetings, and our usual bi-monthly public meetings with guest speakers, commencing on March 8<sup>th</sup> with Mayor, Cr. Peter McMullin present. **N.B.** Our Annual Meeting will be held on April 12, not March 8, as mistakenly reported in the Dec. newsletter - when we hope to hear from reps. of the various emergency services looking after us).

**Future public meeting dates will be** – June 14, Aug. 9, and Oct. 11)

We have some ideas for speakers, but welcome any suggestions. The COGG Health and Bi-Laws Dept. have offered to bring us up-to-date about their **MOZZIE** campaign, and we will probably invite them to speak to us in August – so watch this space for more details!

## 'The Trail Blazers .....

A campaign for round-the-town track'

Speaking of The Voice, no doubt you read the final edition's front page article about our 2006 major project. A sub-committee has begun work on this walking/cycling trail (one of the major recommendations for Ocean Grove in the Bellarine Peninsula Recreation & Leisure Needs Study). 'Down the track', much community support and involvement will be needed to implement this project, and we need to have your comments and suggestions during the planning phase.



**The Pool** – Cr. Jan Farrell informs us that Council staff are working hard on initial plans; quotes etc. for our much-awaited Bellarine Pool, and the Voice recently quoted her dream of taking young Ted (grandson) for a swim before the end of 2008! Jan will soon be meeting with Lisa Neville and others regarding the whole Shell Road Reserve, so we should hear more about that soon.

**The Traffic Study** – Cr. Jan Farrell also reports that she saw the draft Traffic Study in January, but returned it with the request that the consultants/officers examine it in more detail due to the current Target Store application and its associated traffic implications.  
 More about that from Jan as soon as the Draft Study is available for public examination.

**The Structure Plan** – COGG officers worked on this during last year, but we believe they have now called in Consultants, and the model they use will be used for the whole COGG municipality ..... more delay, from the Ocean Grove viewpoint!

**The Bridge** –

Local newspapers have kept the community informed on this one, but several committee members have been involved in discussions with Barwon Heads residents over the summer. We are still urging the government and City of Greater Geelong to revisit the options put forward by Vic. Roads last August, and to examine other routes also. As a consequence of our letter to Minister Hulls in November and COGG not supporting a motion for Vic. Roads to be the Planning Authority, Mayor McMullin advised this week that the Minister has asked DSE to take on this role. Rest assured that both communities are working actively to see that the best long-term outcome is achieved.

**OUR FIRST PUBLIC MEETING FOR 2006**

Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at the C.O.G.G. Customer Centre at 7.30 pm

Your Committee wants to hear from all members, to help them assess how we are travelling and where we need to head after our first 3 years ..... so **PLEASE ATTEND and bring your family and/or friends, especially anyone under 40 as decisions made (or not made now) will particularly affect their future lifestyle in Ocean Grove.**

Mayor McMullin will speak with us ASAP after 8 p.m. so there will be opportunity to ask questions and become more informed about Ocean Grove matters from COGG perspective.

**OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Will be held on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> at the C.O.G.G. Customer Centre at 7.30 pm  
 Guest Speakers will be from district Emergency Services  
 Annual Reports and election of committee members



There are **7** committee vacancies for **2006/07**, with **5** current members seeking re-election. **SO**, there will be at least 2 new committee members required – please phone Ray Davey on 5255 1686 for a nomination form if you would like to join this hard-working, enthusiastic team of people.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Attend occasional Council meetings.
- Serve on a sub-committee (please circle area of interest)
  - Recreation
  - Traffic
  - Future planning
  - Tourism
  - Family/Youth Services
- Assist with any admin tasks or distribution of materials or newsletters.
- Other – please suggest.  
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**PLEASE SEND \$5 to:**  
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**Please tick area of interest.**